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SUBJECT: ILO - TURKISH REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF CANDIDACY AS

DEPUTY MEMBER OF ILO GOVERNING BODY

REF: ANKARA 811

1. TURKISH COUNSELLOR OF EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS CALLED DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND LABOR STATING THAT TURKEY IS SEEKING DEPUTY (NOT RPT NOT FULL) MEMBER SEAT IN 1975-78 ILO GOVERNING BODY.

2. COUNSELLOR WAS GIVEN THE STANDARD REPLY THAT WE GIVE ALL GOVERNMENTS SEEKING US SUPPORT FOR ELECTIVE SEATS ON GOVERNING BODY, WHICH IS FOLLOWING:

A. UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THE TEN STATES OF CHIEF

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INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE IN THE ILO GOVERNING BODY, AND AS

SUCH HOLDS A QUASI-PERMANENT SEAT; I.E., WE ARE NOT ELECTED,
BUT HOLD A SEAT AS LONG AS OUR INDUSTRIAL RANK REMAINS
AMONG THE TOP TEN, AND THAT IS ESSENTIALLY PERMANENT.

B. IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE TOP TEN FROM HAVING UNDUE
INFLUENCE OVER GOVERNING BODY, THEY ARE EXCLUDED FROM
PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOR CONFERENCE THAT FILLS THE ELECTIVE SEATS.

3. THIS PROHIBITION IS STATED IN ARTICLE 7 SECTION 2 OF
THE ILO CONSTITUTION, AND MADE SPECIFICALLY APPLICABLE
TO DEPUTY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY IN ARTICLE 49
PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOR CONFERENCE.

4. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD WELCOME PRESENCE OF
TURKEY AS A DEPUTY MEMBER, THE US IS PROHIBITED FROM
SUPPORTING ITS CANDIDACY.

5. EMBASSY MAY USE ITS OWN DISCRETION AS TO REOPENING
THE QUESTION WITH TURKISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. KISSINGER

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